

IN THE DRAWINGS

Replacement drawing sheets are provided herein for figures 1-3.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 21-23 were pending. Claims 2, 14, and 22 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 8, 13, and 21 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-7, 9-12, 14-19, and 21-23 remain pending subsequent entry of the present amendment.

Drawings

Pursuant to the examiner's request, replacement sheets for figures 1-3 are provided herein including the legend Prior Art.

Specification

Applicant has provided an Abstract of reduced length.

Claim Objections

Claims 8, 10-11, 13-19 and 21-31 were objected to due to informalities. Applicant's amendments are believed to overcome the objections.

In the present Office Action, claims 1, 4, 6-9, 13, 16, 18-19, 21, 24, 26-27 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 97/24667 (hereinafter "Cavallo"). Claims 10-11 and 30-31 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Cavallo, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,644,701 (hereinafter "Takewaki"). Finally, claims 2-3, 5, 14-15, 17, 22-23 and 25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected

base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In order to expedite allowance of the present application, Applicant has amended each of independent claims 1, 13, and 21. Each of independent claims 1, 13, and 21 recite "wherein the initially copied storage portion includes one or more blocks containing part of an operating system kernel" which is nowhere disclosed or suggested by the cited art. For at least this reason, each of claims 1, 13, and 21 are believed patentable.

Applicant believes the application is now in condition for allowance. However, should the examiner believe otherwise, a telephone conference (512) 853-8866 is requested in order to facilitate a speedy resolution.

CONCLUSION

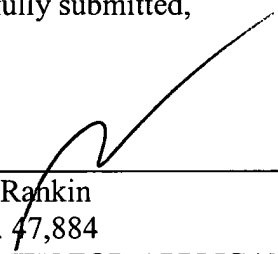
Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-09500/RDR.

Also enclosed:

- ☒ Replacement Sheets (2 sheets / Figs. 2 & 3)
- ☒ Return Postcard

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